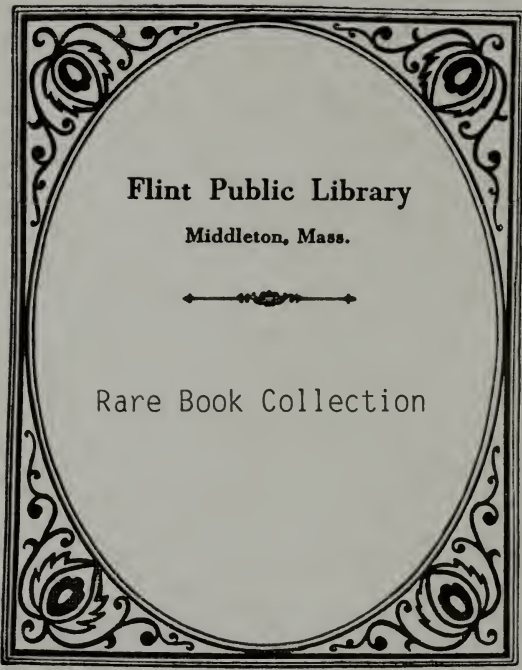




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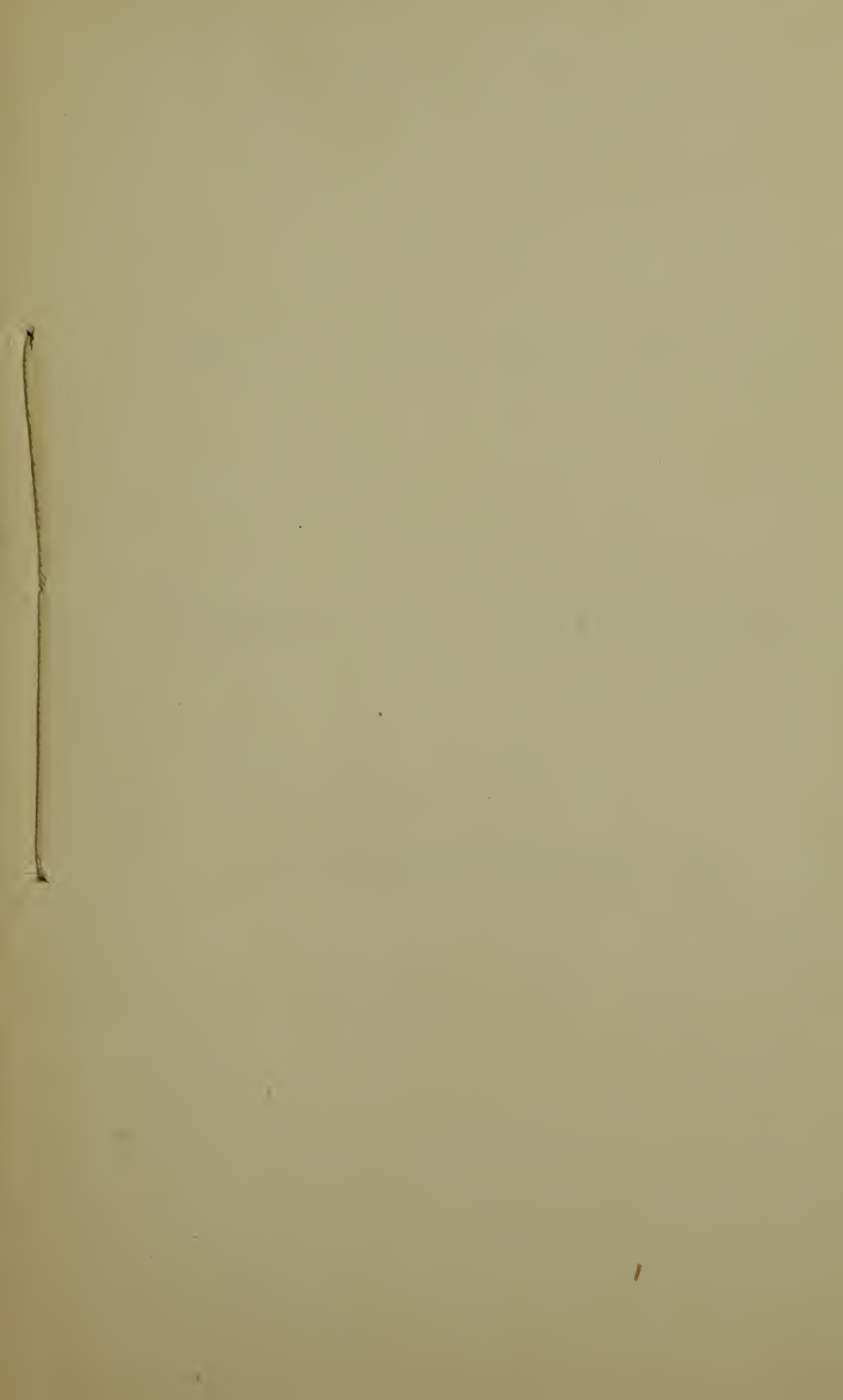


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REPORT.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Clara E. Bryer, teaching Grammar School, . . .	\$429 00
Annie Woodworth, teaching Intermediate School, . . .	296 00
Nellie C. Howe, teaching Primary School, . . .	290 00
Lizzie H. Shepard, teaching Intermediate School, . . .	5 40
Annie C. Smith, teaching Intermediate School, . . .	40 00
Herbert Esty, services as janitor,	21 33
Harley M. Tyler, services as janitor,	13 65
Harley M. Tyler, sawing wood,	5 00
Oscar Sheldon, services as janitor,	7 50
Lore & Russell, coal,	13 00
Tyler & Armstrong, coal,	36 15
Augustus Shepard, services as janitor,	22 50
B. T. McGlauffin, wood,	4 50
B. T. McGlauffin, cutting wood,	1 25
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	\$1,185 28

NORTH SCHOOL.

Catharine A. Berry, teaching, . . .	\$302 00
C. R. Thomas, care of school-room, . . .	3 50
C. R. Thomas, sawing wood, . . .	1 00
Roland Peabody, as janitor,	5 00
Mabelle Currier, care of school-room, . . .	4 00
A. Nickerson, sawing wood,	14 50
Harry Spencer, sawing wood,	1 25
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	\$331 25

EAST SCHOOL.

Lizzie E. Peabody, teaching, . . .	\$406 00
G. S. Metcalf, as janitor,	15 00
Charles Dresser, sawing wood, . . .	1 00
Frank Jones, sawing wood,	75
B. T. McGlauffin, coal,	12 00
Frank A. Witham, sawing wood, . .	3 00
	<hr/> \$437 75
	<hr/> \$1,954 28
Balance due the schools,	511 81
	<hr/> \$2,466 09
Balance due the schools last year, .	\$526 17
Town appropriation for schools, . .	1,600 00
Amount received from State school fund,	256 36
Amount received from dog licenses,	83 56
	<hr/> \$2,466 09
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INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

A. W. Rich, repairs on school-house, . . .	\$15 05
Newcomb & Gauss, printing school report, .	16 25
Charles O. Frost, repairing fence, . . .	1 00
S. T. LeBaron, supplies,	2 00
John Gage, cleaning clock,	1 50
John F. Porter, table and chair,	11 35
H. M. Bixby & Co., supplies,	3 00
George B. Flint, labor on school-houses, .	21 70
Sophia Rier, cleaning school-rooms, . .	2 00
John Gage, repairs,	4 00
Mrs. W. Q. Richardson, cleaning school-room, .	2 00
Farnham Stiles, repairs, and use of well, .	4 00
Harley M. Tyler, clock key,	25

J. P. Langmaid & Sons, lumber and shingles,	121 76
Boston & Maine Railroad, transportation, .	4 25
Willis W. Esty, labor,	56 00
J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber and wood, . . .	38 17
Augustus Shepard, repairs and cleaning school- house,	3 75
M. E. Tyler, school supplies,	21 77
M. E. Tyler, nails and lumber,	11 18
Frank Leach, setting glass,	3 00
George A. Collins, clock,	6 00
J. J. Grothe, use of well two years,	20 00
J. J. Grothe, repairs,	45
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	6 67
Frank A. Witham, removing snow,	1 50
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	\$378 60

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Catharine A. Berry, supplies,	\$1 20
American Book Co., books,	127 27
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies,	51 94
J. L. Hammett, supplies,	98 79
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	5 83
J. P. Lippincott & Co., books,	15 10
William Ware & Co., books,	20 88
Boston Supply Co., supplies,	27 96
Warren P. Adams, supplies,	92
Thompson, Brown & Co., books,	3 75
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	\$353 64
Appropriation,	\$200 00
Overdrawn,	153 64
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	\$353 64

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR WHEELLOCK ESTATE.

J. A. Hutchinson, labor and team,	\$64 00
S. M. Peabody, " " "	38 95
W. T. Martin, " " "	12 75
Melvin Richardson, " " "	22 50
Daniel Fuller, " " "	9 30
John Fuller, " " "	6 60
George A. Currier, gravel,	2 84
" " " hauling stone,	25
Allen Bryer, labor,	5 25
John Barnaby, "	23 41
Samuel Peabody, "	12 00
Benjamin W. Peabody, "	28 92
Burton McGlauffin, "	2 68
W. W. Peabody, "	9 00
J. J. Grothe, "	5 00
L. Littlefield, use of stone buggy,	2 00
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	\$245 45
Amount of appropriation unexpended,	4 55
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	\$250 00

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS.

J. A. Hutchinson, labor and team,	\$298 25
S. M. Peabody, " " "	263 00
W. T. Martin, " " "	124 05
Melvin Richardson, " " "	93 50
L. H. Wilkins, " " "	41 60
Otis Rennerd, " " "	5 70
John Higgins, " " "	20 70

A. D. Bryer,	labor and team,	. . .	79 30
Samuel Peabody,	" " "	. . .	49 50
John Barnaby,	" " "	. . .	141 75
Benjamin W. Peabody,	" " "	. . .	70 13
William Hayward,	" " "	. . .	8 25
M. E. Tyler, team,	. . . . .		1 50
John B. Sanford, labor,	. . . . .		9 75
Benjamin Metcalf, "	. . . . .		1 50
Burton McGlauflin, "	. . . . .		2 58
Frank L. Wilkins, posts,	. . . . .		6 33
A. A. Wilkins, labor,	. . . . .		27 00
W. W. Peabody, "	. . . . .		97 87
Charles Cross, "	. . . . .		1 50
James Kelley, "	. . . . .		5 25
J. J. Grothe, repairing machine and tools,	. . . . .		10 90
J. W. Davis, labor,	. . . . .		7 00
J. W. Russell, gravel,	. . . . .		70
George A. Currier, "	. . . . .		19 50
Mrs. E. Fletcher, "	. . . . .		2 15
Charles Mason, labor,	. . . . .		30
William Berry, gravel,	. . . . .		5 60
Daniel G. Berry, labor and team,	. . . . .		11 25
Dean Perley, repairs on machine knife,	. . . . .		50
H. Jones, teaming plank,	. . . . .		1 25
Cash paid for freight on pipe,	. . . . .		1 25
George B. Flint, labor,	. . . . .		3 50
S. Flint, "	. . . . .		31 50
Michael Drew, "	. . . . .		16 13
Joshua Zwicker, "	. . . . .		16 13
Charles Drew, "	. . . . .		11 25
E. Wheelock, 1400 bricks,	. . . . .		7 00
James Moses, labor,	. . . . .		3 00
S. Flint, horse and cart,	. . . . .		12 50
S. Flint, cask of lime,	. . . . .		1 25

John W. Peabody, gravel,	2 20
John Putney, "	27 80
George Currier, "	2 60
Samuel M. Peabody, "	1 00
C. S. Perkins, drain pipe,	48 20
Moynahan & Colby, printing blanks,	4 00
G. W. Tibbetts, plate and bolts,	9 00
Cash paid for express,	1 35
Mrs. Susan Beverly (storing machine),	2 00
S. E. McGlauffin, labor on sidewalks,	7 00
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	\$1,616 82
Amount of appropriation,	1,600 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$16 82

BRIDGES.

George Mcquesten & Co., lumber,	\$253 38
Pope Bros., lumber,	61 20
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	28 97
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies,	7 18
M. J. Emmerson, labor,	11 25
" " " bolts and plates,	5 11
" " " express,	15
J. A. Hutchinson, labor and team,	21 25
Samuel M. Peabody, " " "	20 50
J. A. Curtis, labor,	14 20
J. H. Fletcher, "	5 50
E. W. Wilkins, "	5 25
George Margeson, "	1 50
J. B. Thomas & Co., teaming,	7 50
Dean Perley, bolts,	90
Mrs. E. Fletcher, gravel,	1 30
W. W. Peabody, labor,	8 00

J. A. Curtis, posts,	. . . . .	1 00
A. A. Wilkins, labor,	. . . . .	75
Allen Bryer, “	. . . . .	9 00
John Barnaby, “	. . . . .	9 00
B. W. Peabody, “	9 00
W. T. Martin, team and labor,	8 25
George Flint, labor,	7 00
“ “ cement,	1 25
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		\$498 39
Amount of appropriation,	200 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$298 39

SNOW BILLS.

J. A. Hutchinson,	\$11 60
W. T. Martin,	22 00
E. Stimson Hutchinson,	5 00
M. E. Tyler,	. . . . .	4 00
Benjamin Metcalf,	. . . . .	1 40
Lyman S. Wilkins,	. . . . .	2 60
J. H. Fletcher,	. . . . .	1 60
S. M. Peabody,	. . . . .	3 00
J. B. Thomas & Co.,	. . . . .	10 50
Samuel L. Peabody,	. . . . .	90
Frank A. Witham,	. . . . .	3 40
Fred A. Flint,	. . . . .	1 30
C. H. Hayward,	. . . . .	5 50
Porter I. Gould,	. . . . .	1 20
Sylvanus Flint, bill of '91 and '92,	. . . . .	5 00
Samuel M. Peabody, bill of '92,	. . . . .	1 50
E. A. Wilkins, “ “ “	. . . . .	40
E. S. Hutchinson, “ “ “	1 20

W. T. Martin,	bill of '92	. . .	5 85
Benj. T. McGlauffin,	" " "	. . .	1 00
Solomon W. Weston,	" " "	. . .	3 00
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			\$91 95

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Town of Beverly, aid for Frank Wilkins and family,	\$223 01
Geo. P. Melcher, cutting wood for Andrew Gould,	3 50
Wm. Berry, wood for Andrew Gould,	3 00
H. E. Howe, " " " "	5 50
Lizzie Peabody, aid for Andrew Gould,	1 00
Town of Peabody, board and clothing Andrew Gould,	28 53
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies Andrew Gould,	32 38
John M. Peabody, services as undertaker for Andrew Gould,	34 00
Geo. P. Melcher, cutting wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	3 55
H. E. Howe, wood for Mrs. S. Curry,	2 30
E. A. Stimpson, supplies for Mrs. S. Curry,	16 88
M. E. Tyler, " " " "	75
Danl. Fuller, house rent " " " "	14 00
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield,	141 40
Susan Stewart, board for Elias Russell,	29 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Elias Russell,	2 90
Geo. P. Melcher, board of Mrs. E. C. Brient,	8 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Moore,	4 00

B. T. McGlauffin, coal for Wm. Moore, . . .	6 50
Town of Georgetown, aid for David P. Hutchinson,	111 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. F. Bowman,	4 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for John Pardon,	4 00
J. M. Peabody, services as undertaker for Benj. Parker,	42 00
H. E. Howe, wood for tramp house,	1 14
J. H. Derrill, " " " "	2 25
J. B. Thomas & Co., wood for tramp house, . .	2 25
B. T. McGlauffin, coal " " " "	11 60
Dr. Shatswell, medical attendance for tramp,	3 00
C. P. Perkins, grate for stove in tramp house, .	70
B. T. McGlauffin, car fare and care of sick tramp,	1 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house,	21 31
B. T. McGlauffin, care of 426 tramps,	42 60
A. W. Peabody, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
J. A. Hutchinson, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
" " " car fare, horse hire and cash paid,	11 20
B. T. McGlauffin, " " " "	8 70
" " " services as overseer of poor,	25 00

Whole amount of Overseers orders drawn, . . .	888 20
Unsettled bills of this year,	75 00

\$963 20

Due from No. Reading,	\$37 48
" " Newburyport on account of E. C. Brient,	8 75
Due from Lawrence on account of Wm. Moore,	10 50
Due from Brewster on account of T. Bowman,	4 50
Due from Lynn on account of John Pardon,	4 00

Due on account of Benj. Parker, . . .	22 00	
Received on account of Benj. Parker, . . .	20 00	
" from estate of Andrew Gould, . . .	32 64	
Due from estate of Andrew Gould, . . .	23 00	
Unsettled bills of 1891 paid, . . .	35 00	
Whole cost of supporting poor, . . .	765 33	
		<u>\$963 20</u>

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Samuel A. Fletcher, Treasurer,	\$25 00
Samuel A. Fletcher, Collector,	83 50
J. A. Batchelder, Selectman and Assessor, . . .	63 50
J. Hovey Eaton, Selectman and Assessor, . . .	65 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Selectman and Assessor, . . .	65 00
Fred. E. Campbell, Constable,	15 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, Town Clerk,	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording births, marriages and deaths,	13 85
S. T. LeBaron, School Committee,	35 00
Maurice E. Tyler, School Committee,	35 00
B. T. McGlauffin, School Committee,	30 00
J. A. Batchelder, Registrar of Voters,	8 00
J. Hovey Eaton, Registrar of Voters,	8 00
Jesse W. Peabody, Registrar of Voters,	8 00
Daniel Weston, Auditor,	5 00
John M. Peabody, Superintendent of Burials, . . .	10 00
Benjamin T. McGlauffin, Forest Fireward, . . .	2 00
Farnham Stiles, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . .	5 00
B. T. McGlauffin, Moderator,	3 50
J. Hovey Eaton, perambulating town line, . . .	2 00

Jesse W. Peabody, perambulating town line, . . .	2 00
Oscar Cram, special police officer, . . .	7 50
B. T. McGlauflin, special police, . . .	5 00
S. M. Peabody, Road Commissioner, . . .	10 00
J. A. Hutchinson, Road Commissioner, . . .	10 00
Sylvanus Flint, Road Commissioner, . . .	10 00
Oscar Cram, special police officer, . . .	1 50
J. A. Hutchinson, election officer, . . .	1 50
B. T. McGlauflin, election officer, . . .	1 50
S. T. LeBaron, election officer, . . .	1 50
S. A. Fletcher, election officer, . . .	1 50
John Foley, election officer, . . .	1 50

\$543 85

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Catharine Danforth,	\$24 00
Sarah M. Matthews,	12 00
Hiram McGlauflin,	48 00
John W. Peabody,	67 50
J. Wallace Peabody,	3 00
Mary P. Rennerd,	36 00
Susan A. Stewart,	48 00
Henry Peabody,	2 00

\$240 50

MILITARY AID ACCOUNT.

Frank Atwood,	\$64 00
Patrick Gillispie,	144 00
Benjamin W. Peabody,	72 00
Benjamin W. Peabody, Jr.,	60 00
Isaiah B. Peabody,	184 00

\$524 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT.

Drs. Allen and Eaton, Medical attendance on	
I. B. Peabody,	\$5 00
Town of Melrose, soldiers relief to W. F. Russell and family,	193 75
Town of Beverly, soldiers relief to Sereno Terrio's family,	41 99
New England Telephone Co. messages to physicians	50
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	\$241 24

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Fred. E. Campbell, services as janitor, . . .	\$95 85
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for coal, . . .	18 97
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for oil, . . .	7 45
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood, . . .	2 25
Fred. E. Campbell, cash paid for repairs and supplies,	8 40
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Total,	\$132 92
Balance in favor of the Town,	7 33
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	\$140 25

RECEIPTS.

I. O. of Red Men,	\$71 75
First Congregational Society,	21 50
Essex Lodge, Order of Ægis,	5 00
Equitable Aid Union,	2 00
Lectures, Entertainments, Etc.,	40 00
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	\$140 25

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Amount drawn by Committee,	\$98 10
Undrawn,	1 90
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	<u>\$100 00</u>

CEMETERY.

John M. Peabody, removing snow,	\$9 25
John M. Peabody, stakes,	2 50
John M. Peabody, plants,	4 50
John M. Peabody, assisting surveyor,	6 75
John M. Peabody, labor,	134 75
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	\$157 75
Appropriation,	\$150 00
Overdrawn,	7 75
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	<u>\$157 75</u>

ABATEMENTS.

John P. Fuller, abatement of tax,	\$1 24
Caroline A. Fletcher, abatement of tax,	1 38
Jesse W. Peabody, Collector on list of 1888,	8 00
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	\$10 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

Danvers Water Board, use of water,	\$12 00
John M. Peabody, repairs on bier,	75
John M. Peabody, sail cloth,	13 00
Newcomb & Gauss, printing town report,	31 75
J. M. Peabody, undertaker's supplies,	18 14

B. T. McGlaulin, use of team,	1 00
H. P. Ives, record book,	90
F. P. Merriam, storage of hose carriage,	5 00
N. A. Horton & Son, printing voting lists,	9 88
Rebecca Currier, land damage on Central street,	4 16
Andrew Nichols, survey and plan of cemetery,	30 00
W. T. Butler, repairing ballot box,	1 20
N. A. Horton & Son, printing order books,	8 50
A. K. Currier, land damage on Central street,	4 17
E. L. Perley, repairing record books,	14 25
F. L. Evans, services in J. O. Guilford case,	100 00
J. A. Hutchinson, " " " " " "	7 62
A. W. Peabody, " " " " " "	7 62
B. T. McGlaulin, " " " " " "	12 61
J. A. Batchelder, attending court,	3 00
F. L. Evans, legal advice and services,	45 58
F. E. Campbell, fees and expenses in W. A. Wil- kins case,	13 44
F. E. Campbell, fees and expenses in Currier and Bresnehan case,	6 94
F. E. Campbell, fees and expen's in J. Bresnehan case,	6 31
" " " " " " " W. Nelson case,	3 42
" " " " " " " Wedgwood case,	7 09
F. A. Witham, labor on snow plough,	6 00
Dr. J. A. Shatswell, returning births,	3 25
J. M. Peabody, burial of A. H. Shelden,	35 00
S. T. LeBaron, journeys out of town,	2 00
B. T. McGlaulin, journey to Peabody,	1 75
M. E. Tyler, taking school census,	3 00
M. E. Tyler, use of team for constable,	1 50
M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp,	3 36
J. M. Peabody, returning deaths,	6 50
J. M. Peabody, care of street lamp,	12 00
F. E. Campbell, messages and team,	5 75

F. E. Campbell, enforcing liquor law,	3 40
F. E. Campbell, police badge,	1 00
B. T. McGlauffin, compensation of firemen, .	33 00
J. H. Eaton, journeys out of town,	7 83
Jesse W. Peabody, journeys out of town, . .	6 72
J. A. Batchelder, paid for recording deed, .	1 00
J. A. Batchelder, car fare and postage, . .	2 85
J. A. Batchelder, stationery and expressage, .	4 80
J. A. Batchelder, journeys to Salem and Danvers,	3 00
Henry Newhall & Co., paint,	2 23
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, returning birth, . . .	25
Samuel A. Fletcher, discount on taxes of 1891,	287 30
Samuel A. Fletcher, postage and stationery, .	1 30
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	\$803 12

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Schools,	\$1,954 28
Incidental school expenses,	378 60
School books and supplies,	353 64
Highway department,	2,360 66
Removing snow,	91 95
Poor Department,	888 20
Town Officers,	543 85
State Aid,	240 50
Military Aid,	524 00
Soldiers' Relief,	241 24
Town Hall account,	132 92
Memorial Day,	98 10
Cemetery,	157 75
Abatements,	10 62
Miscellaneous,	803 12
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	\$8,779 43

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	\$405 00
Paid County Tax,	566 55
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	\$971 55

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1888 as per last year's report, \$21 45

CR.

Amount paid Treasurer on tax list of 1888, . \$21 45

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1889 as per last year's report, \$809 77

Interest collected, 53 82

\$863 59

CR.

Amount paid Treas. on tax list 1889, \$604 71

Uncollected, " " " 258 88

\$863 59

DR.

Balance of tax list of 1890 as per last year's re-
port, \$1,855 64

Interest collected, 28 08

\$1,883 72

CR.

Amount paid Treas. on tax list of 1890, \$739 43

Uncollected on tax list of 1890, . 1,144 29

\$1,883 72

DR.

Tax list of 1891,	\$8,350 03
Interest collected,	81
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	\$8,350 84

CR.

Amount paid Treas. on tax list of 1891,	\$6,450 92
Uncollected on tax list of 1891,	1,899 92
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	\$8,350 84

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 23, 1892.

DR.

To balance of last year's account,	\$1,157 49
“ cash of Town of Dracut, pauper account,	9 00
“ cash of City of Lynn, pauper account,	4 00
“ cash of State Treasurer, corporation tax,	20 62
“ cash of State Treasurer, on town note,	2,000 00
“ cash of State Treasurer, bank tax,	114 78
“ cash of State Treasurer, military aid,	248 61
“ cash of State Treasurer, state aid,	215 00
“ cash of County Treasurer, dog tax,	83 56
“ cash of State Treasurer, school fund,	256 36
“ cash of Ruth Dennett, cemetery lot,	7 00
“ cash of L. W. Bean and A. L. Lockwood, cemetery lot,	10 00
“ cash of Rebecca Shelden, cemetery lot,	8 00
“ cash of Caspar Batchelder, cemetery lot,	5 00
“ cash of Arthur M. Peabody, peddler's license,	3 00
“ cash of Heirs of Benjamin Parker, pauper account,	20 00
“ cash of B. T. and S. E. McGlauffin, plank,	7 00

To cash of estate of Andrew E. Gould, . . .	32 64
“ cash of Fred. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall, . . .	140 25
“ cash of Flint Book Fund, on note, . . .	81 78
“ cash of J. W. Peabody, on tax list of 1888, . . .	21 45
“ cash of S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1889, . . .	604 71
“ cash of S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1890, . . .	739 43
“ cash of S. A. Fletcher, on tax list of 1891, . . .	6,450 92
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	\$12,240 60

CR.

By cash paid Flint Book Fund, interest on note, . . .	\$175 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, interest on note, . . .	32 48
“ “ “ B. F. Emerson Fund, interest on note,	40 00
“ “ “ Flint Book Fund, interest on note, . . .	\$75 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, note,	2,000 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer, county tax,	566 55
“ “ “ State Treasurer, state tax,	405 00
“ “ “ interest on notes,	105 00
“ “ “ on Selectmen’s orders,	7,891 23
“ “ “ on Overseer’s orders,	888 20
Balance in treasury,	62 14
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	\$12,240 60

S. A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR’S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them to be correct, and the vouchers in proper form.

DANIEL WESTON,

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1892.

Auditor.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Real Estate,	\$477,310 00
Personal Estate,	89,358 50
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	\$566,668 50

Number of polls, 265.

Rate of taxation \$13.80 per \$1,000.

Tax on Polls,	\$530 00
Tax on Real Estate,	6,586 88
Tax on Personal Estate,	1,233 15
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	\$8,350 03

Amount voted for current expenses, . . .	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ schools,	1,600 00
“ “ “ school books,	200 00
“ “ “ incidental schools,	175 00
“ “ “ highways,	1,300 00
“ “ “ bridges,	200 00
“ “ “ sidewalks,	300 00
“ “ “ cemetery,	150 00
“ “ “ undertaker's supplies,	50 00
“ “ “ plan of cemetery,	50 00
“ “ “ extra appropriations on highways,	250 00
“ “ “ enforcement of liquor law,	50 00
“ “ “ Memorial Day,	100 00
“ “ “ repairing Centre school-house,	200 00
“ “ “ Library lot,	600 00
State Tax,	405 00
County Tax,	566 55
Overlay on Tax,	153 48
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	\$8,350 03

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Library Building and land,	\$14,000 00
Flint Public Library,	3,000 00
Town Hall,	5,000 00
School-houses,	8,000 00
Lock-up,	500 00
Cemetery,	1,300 00
Hearse and hearse-house,	800 00
Fire apparatus,	700 00
Gravel pit,	50 00
B. F. Emerson Fund,	10,000 00
C. L. Flint Book Fund,	5,000 00
Road Machine,	250 00
School books in use,	250 00
Safe,	200 00
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	\$49,050 00

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation, to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year, in addition to the annual appropriation of \$600.00 voted for the Library lot :

Current Expenses,	\$2,200 00
Schools,	1,400 00
School Books and Supplies,	200 00
Incidental School Expenses,	175 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Sidewalks,	100 00
Cemetery,	100 00
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	\$5,175 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.,	\$6,381 78
“ “ “ “ “ “ 4 “ “	2,000 00
Amount due the schools,	511 81
Amount of unsettled bills (estimated), . . .	130 00
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	\$9,023 59

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account,	\$62 14
Due from State on account of State Aid, .	259 50
Due from State on account of Military Aid, .	585 00
Due from State for burial of a soldier, . . .	35 00
School books on hand,	85 00
Due from North Reading,	37 48
Due from Newburyport,	8 75
Due from Lawrence,	10 50
Due from Brewster,	4 50
Due from Lynn,	4 00
Due from North Reading,	22 00
Due from Estate of Andrew E. Gould, . . .	23 00
Amount of uncollected taxes, 1889, . . .	258 88
“ “ “ “ 1890, . . .	1,144 29
“ “ “ “ 1891, . . .	1,899 92
Balance against the town,	4,583 03
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	\$9,023 59

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
J. HOVEY EATON,	
JESSE W. PEABODY,	

MIDDLETON, Feb. 23, 1892.

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The number of books in this Library has been increasing yearly, and the room in the Town Hall which seemed ample when first occupied, became so crowded, that there was positively no room for further additions, so when there was a prospect of more commodious quarters, it was contemplated with a sense of relief; nevertheless it was no enviable task that devolved on the Trustees of the Library when \$10,000 — which had been bequeathed to them in trust, by the will of the late Hon. Charles L. Flint, for the purpose of erecting a permanent building for the use of Flint Public Library — were placed in their hands; they knew that if it were possible to carry every detail of arrangement and workmanship to perfection itself, it were a marvel indeed if a building could be erected with which no one could find any fault.

Many of the plans which were submitted were highly satisfactory, but the estimated cost exceeded the sum in hand. At length a plan was obtained which was represented as within our means, and then there was further delay, in order that estimates might be brought in by contractors.

By vote of the town, the estate formerly owned by the late Ephraim Fuller was purchased at a cost of \$3500. The buildings thereon were sold for \$174.00, which being added to the amount appropriated by the town for grading the grounds made \$674.00, nearly all of which has been expended for that purpose.

The Library building was completed at a cost of \$9,980. The exterior is of brick and the interior finish is of cypress. There is a book-room with a capacity of thirty-five thousand volumes — including the gallery. There is a

large reading-room, having a fine memorial window, which was presented by Mr. Joseph N. Smith, in memory of his wife, Caroline (Fuller) Smith. It is indeed a work of art which is much enjoyed.

A clock was placed in the tower through the generosity of Mr. George Fuller, and is highly appreciated.

We should ever bear in grateful remembrance the name of B. F. Emerson, whose youthful days were spent in our town, and who, as he was bidding adieu to earthly scenes, remembered our Library, and left for our use, means which have enabled us to furnish the interior of our new Library building.

Dedicatory exercises were held Nov. 11, 1891, and the Library was open the following Saturday for the delivery of books, about two hundred volumes having been recently added.

At a meeting of the Trustees it was voted to have the Library open Tuesday evenings, in addition to Saturday afternoons and evenings.

Many periodicals have been placed on the table in the reading-room, some through the generosity of friends, and the following have been subscribed for: "Scribner's Magazine," "Century," "Harper's Weekly," "Life," "Public Opinion" and "Boston Weekly Journal."

We trust that the inhabitants of this town will avail themselves of the privilege of reading the books and periodicals so freely provided, and thus carry out the idea of our benefactor, who himself so faithfully improved every opportunity to store his mind, and was honored and respected for his literary attainments.

We are pleased to observe that many of our young people are interesting themselves in instructive books and

useful subjects, thus acquiring knowledge which will prove of value to them in after life.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Trustees of Flint Public Library.
WILLIAM M. PEABODY,		
ANSEL P. TYLER,		
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,		
JAMES FLINT,		
JESSE W. PEABODY,		

MIDDLETON, Feb. 24, 1892.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1891,	3,672
“ purchased of Estes & Lauriat,	172
“ presented by Dr. Andrew P. Peabody,	8
“ “ “ Mr. Farnham Stiles,	8
“ “ “ Mrs. Farnham Stiles,	2
“ “ “ Mrs. S. A. Stewart,	5
“ “ “ Estate of John Guy Vassar,	1
“ “ “ Bell St. Chapel, Prov., R. I.,	1
“ “ “ Frederic A. Tupper,	1
“ “ “ Rev. W. E. Griffis,	1
“ “ “ Walter Baker,	1
“ “ “ W. S. Nevins,	1
“ “ “ State Sec’y Mass.,	5
“ “ “ Hartford, Conn., Ins. Co.,	1

Books in Library, Feb. 1, 1892, 3879

Pamphlets received 1891.

U. S. Bureau of Education,	1
U. S. Agricultural Department,	3
University of Penn.,	1

Whole number of books taken from the Library from
Feb. 1, 1891 to Feb. 1, 1892, 4,456.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 1, 1892.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CR.

To services as Librarian and Janitor, . . .	\$80 00
" preparing catalogue,	6 25
" printing " cash paid J. H. Choate, . . .	18 50
" removing books to new library,	8 00
" cash paid H. A. Brooks for rebinding books, . . .	7 90
" " " for paper for covering books,	1 72
" " " " 4 gallons kerosene,	44
" " " " stationery,	25
" " " " insurance on library building,	141 00
" " " " reseating chair,	65
" " " " postage,	94
" " " " 4½ tons coal,	26 25
" " " " step ladder,	2 25
" " " " wire mat,	5 00
" " " " expressage,	3 05
" " " " shovel, dust pan, coal hod and sieve,	2 14
" " " " horse hire,	75
" " " " freight bills,	4 38
" " " " car fare,	2 08
" " " " lantern,	50
" " " " rent of deposit vault,	10 00

To cash paid for freight on chairs,	1 87
“ “ “ “ expressage,	1 20
“ “ “ “ McCrillis & Co., collation, . .	45 00
“ “ “ “ Barry & Lufkin, programmes, .	6 50
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	\$376 62

DR.

To cash for fines, catalogues, and cards, .	\$10 47
“ “ from B. F. Emerson fund,	366 15
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	\$376 62

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

B. F. EMERSON FUND.

The trustees of the B. F. Emerson Fund respectfully submit the following as their fourth annual report.

Amount of Fund, \$10,025 36

Invested as follows :

Atchison income bonds,	2,387 11
“ 4 per cent. bonds,	2,948 25
New York and New England bonds, . .	2,290 00
Town of Middleton note,	800 00
Andover savings bank,	1,000 00
Danvers “ “	600 00
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	\$10,025 36

Income account :

Balance from last year,	\$439 79
Received interest from bonds,	351 50
“ “ “ town note,	40 00
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	\$831 29

Cash paid S. A. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, .	817 60
Balance on hand,	13 69
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	\$831 29

A. P. TYLER,	} Trustees.
S. A. FLETCHER,	
M. J. EMERSON,	
M. E. TYLER,	
F. P. MERRIAM.	

FLINT BUILDING FUND.

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER IN ACCOUNT WITH FLINT
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

Balance unexpended per last report, \$5,931 63
Interest received at bank on b'd fund, 280 12
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\$6,211 75

CR.

To cash paid Smith & Maney, contractors, .	\$5,205 00
" " " Loring & Phipps, architects, .	225 00
" " " John A. Putnam, auctioneer, 1890, .	5 00
" " " Geo. A. Currier for gravel, .	6 30
" " " Loren M. Littlefield for concreting walks,	55 00
" " paid Thomas Carlin for labor, .	67 50
" " " Loren G. Esty " " .	19 25
" " " Allen D. Bryer " " .	63 00
" " " Jesse W. Daniels " " .	25 58
" " " John Barnaby for " " .	7 50
" " " Fred S. Flint " " .	16 25

To cash paid	D. Donovan	for labor	. . .	12 00
" "	" Otis H. Rennerd	" " with team,		87 60
" "	" S. W. Weston	" " " "		2 00
" "	" H. A. Wilkins & Sons,	grass seed,		3 70
" "	" J. J. Grothe,	sharpening picks, &c.,		2 60
" "	" Jewett & Blanchard,	mason work,		5 80
" "	" J. E. Ropes & Co.,	furnace, . . .	209 60	
" "	" Town of Danvers,	pipng and labor,	8 50	
" "	" for freight,	. . . . .	25	
" "	" Augustus Shepard,	cleaning win-		
	dows, &c., &c.,	. . . . .	15 00	
" "	paid Maurice E. Tyler,	teaming, . . .	9 50	
" "	" Jesse W. Peabody,	use of horse		
	and cart,	2 75	
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				\$6,054 68
Balance unexpended,		157 07	
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				\$6,211 75

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

MIDDLETON, Feb. 23, 1892.

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

Paid to T. F. McCann, tablet,	. . . . .	\$65 00
“ “ Harrison, Beard & Co., tables,	. . . . .	56 00
“ “ Walworth Manufacturing Co., gas machine,	225 38	
“ “ E. F. Pierce & Co., chairs,	53 25
“ “ W. A. Snow & Co., hitch posts,	9 00
“ “ McKenney & Waterbury, gas pipings,	83 82
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		\$492 45

RECEIPTS.

Received from B. F. Emerson Fund, . . .	\$451 45
Amount contributed by trustees, architect and contractors for tablet,	41 00
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	\$492 45

FLINT BOOK FUND.

Amount received from executors of C. L. Flint, \$5,000 00

Invested, as follows :

Notes against Town of Middleton, \$5,000 00

Income acct.

DR.

Special income, \$40 91

Interest rec'd from Town, 250 00

\$290 91

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To cash expended for new books, \$186 21

“ “ “ “ books replaced, 5 37

“ “ “ “ Periodicals for Reading Room, 17 55

Balance on hand, 81 78

\$290 91

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,

MIDDLETON, Feb. 23, 1892.

Town Treasurer.

The following list of persons qualified for Jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen, will be submitted to the town at the annual town meeting for revision and acceptance :

ALFRED A. AVERILL,
ALLEN D. BRYER,
L. NELSON BROWN,
SAMUEL G. CAMPBELL,
WILLIS W. ESTEY,
FRANK L. ESTEY,
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,

ASA HOWE,
HENRY E. HOWE,
BENJ. T. MCGLAUFLIN,
ELI E. RICHARDSON,
GUSTAVUS H. TUFTS,
LEVERETT H. WILKINS,
L. FRANK WILKINS.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To Fred. E. Campbell, Constable of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the seventh day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To vote on the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? The vote will be by a separate ballot, and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to discount and interest on taxes.

ART. 7. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take concerning the cemetery.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to set apart a suitable lot of land in the cemetery, to be used as a site for a soldiers' monument.

ART. 12. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton Pond.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the compensation of firemen.

ART. 14. To see what measures the town will adopt for the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses, in anticipation of taxes of the present year, and payable therefrom.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1892.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen
J. HOVEY EATON,		of
JESSE W. PEABODY,		Middleton.

For Reference

Not to be taken from this room

